

Outreach Division of School Improvement

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Important Dates

Focus and Priority **11/30**
SAP plan due
SBOE Dec. **12/3**
Meeting

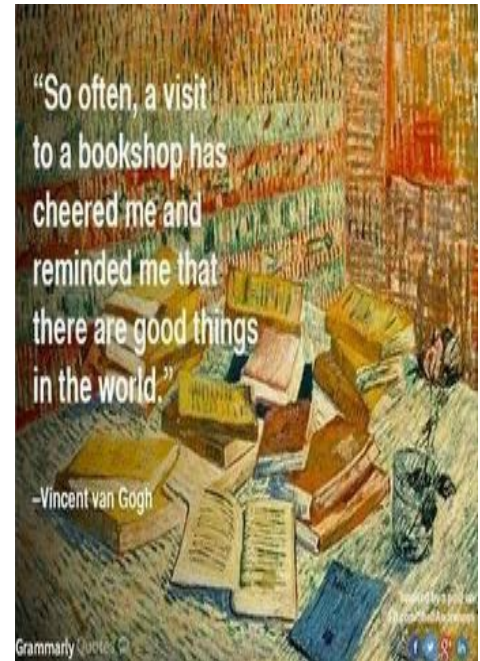
November

The school year is in full swing and many of you are providing PD on the new standards, assessments, and making data driven instructional decisions. As you move forward, if you have questions please let me know.

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Special points of interest:

- ◆ Acuity Readiness 1 is a great tool to use when planning instruction.

Effective Instruction

This year, I will highlight a different Turnaround Principle on which to focus. This month, the focus is on Effective Instruction—or Turnaround Principle 3. You can find more information on our [webpage](#) also.

Effective Instruction is a very important piece that can drive a school to improve. Teachers must be deliberate and inten-

tional in their lesson planning. Are they using varying instructional strategies? Are they planning engaging learning opportunities for students? Are they using gradual release techniques such as I DO, WE DO, YOU DO? Are they using checks for understanding to know where all students are at in the instructional process?



WIDA Standards

Do you have students with a vocabulary deficit? How are you adjusting lessons to include building background knowledge utilizing hands on or engaging opportunities for students? Have you thought about those students of lower SES and their overall language deficit? As you are working with non-native speakers to build their language skills, other students may benefit from those strategies as well. Check out the website

<http://www.doe.in.gov/elme/wida-english-language-development-eld-standards-framework>



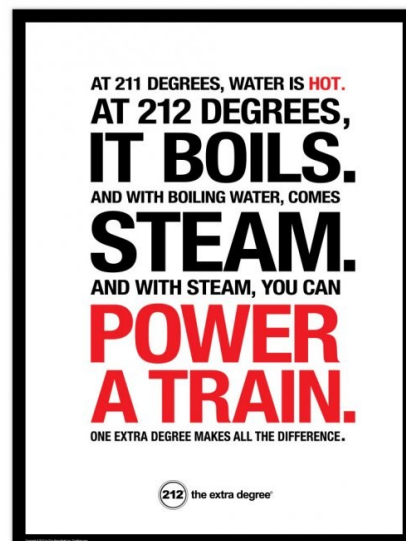
Online Communities of Practice



The Elearning Division has created online communities of practice as a resource to educators. To join an online community of practice, [click](#) and join your subject area or grade level. If you need additional resources check out the [Learning Connection Communities](#)

Focus and Priority Schools:

- 1) SAP plans are due on Nov. 30th. Please submit them by emailing the signed copy to ldercach@doe.in.gov
- 2) Have you checked out the Outreach Site? There are resources for all 8 turnaround principles, dates to know, and all of the documents you need. <http://www.doe.in.gov/outreach>
- 3) If you have any questions, please contact me for assistance.
- 4) You will receive an email with your monitoring visit dates, and a proposed schedule soon.



Resources

College and Career Readiness Assessment

I am hearing from many teachers and principals wondering how the new assessment will look to students. The Office of Student Assessment has a link to the College and Career Readiness Assessment sample. They encourage that teachers, principals, parents, and students utilize this resource. The link below directs you to the site. The login and password is already populated with the proper log-in information. <http://experience-ccra-in.ctb.com/>



Family Engagement

Family En- gagement Video

Superintendent Ritz has posted a video for parents talking about the importance of family engagement in schools. Please share this video with the parents in your school.

Assessment & Accountability

Assessment and Accountability Transition 2014-15—Assessment/Accountability [Chart](#)

Assessment [Blueprints and Instructional & Assessment Guidance Documents](#)

Assessment [Dates](#)

Acuity [Dates](#)

Acuity Information—recent [Power Point](#) regarding changes to Acuity for the 2014-15 School Year

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